

RICHMOND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes of Board Meeting held on 9/23/15 at Vets Hall at 4pm

Present: Carol Jameson, Chair; Bonnie McCarthy, Treasurer; Bob Weekes, Sec'y; Sandy Laughner; Susan Roney. Absent: Hank Hallas, Alternate.

NB., due to time constraints of attending members, agenda items were dealt with briefly, with additional input to be provided by commission members subsequent to this and prior to our next board meeting. These minutes will reflect that brevity and will simply cover the high points.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on August 15, 2015 were approved as presented.

Bonnie McCarthy presented the Treasurer's Report, noting contributions received during the past month.

Carol Jameson reported that the town's budgeting process was underway and that the Heritage Commission's budget had to be submitted by the end of October. Commission members discussed in general costs associated with RHC current projects that will be carried forward as well as those planned for next year. Members will work on getting estimates for town signage and landscaping as input for both the town's and RHC's 2016 proposed budgets.

Commission members unanimously agreed to apply for listing of the restored Richmond Tramp House on the State Register of Historic Places. Carol and Bob will spearhead this project.

All discussed the very positive reception the Tramp House received by visitors at the August 30th Firemen's Barbecue. Bob reviewed the work undertaken by RHC members over the past month to bring the Tramp House restoration to its present state of completion. Our work continues at a hectic pace as we complete grading (crushed stone, loam and mulch), seeding, mowing and interior painting and staining (floor) and furnishing by the end of October. A dedication date is still to be set.

Members discussed a list of future projects on the RHC drawing board with a view to selecting those we will work on next, once the Tramp House is completed. These include the Civil War Monument/Memorial Park, Telephone Building, Town Common/Brewer Park, Town Pound and town signage. Members were assigned tasks to provide further input to the Commission to guide setting priorities, at which time concrete plans and timetables will then be developed.

Also discussed were presentations of NH history subjects to Richmond residents during the fall and winter months by the Heritage Commission. Subject and fall date for the first was tentatively set with Bob Weekes to follow up.

Carol scheduled additional landscaping work to be done by members at the Town Well & Pump on 9/28/15 at 2pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm, followed by a tour of the telephone building site. Next meeting will be held on 10/21/15 at 3pm at the Vets Hall.

Bob Weekes, Secretary

